



# **HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT MEDIA ALERT**

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

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### **HFD EMS HOLDS REUNION WITH CARDIAC ARREST SURVIVOR**

**WHAT :** HFD EMS will hold a reunion with cardiac arrest survivor Willie McBride and HFD crewmembers and individuals who helped him survive.

**WHEN:** 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 27, 2005

**WHERE:** HFD Station 17, 2805 Navigation @ North Delano, Houston, TX 77003  
<http://www.houstontx.gov/fire/firestations/station17.html>

**DETAILS:** Willie McBride, 22, was playing basketball in a local tournament on March 13, 2005 at Ripley House on Navigation Blvd., when he complained to his team members of blurred vision.

Friend and team member Reginald Cole went to help McBride. By the time Cole reached McBride, McBride was prone on the basketball court. The referee checked to see if McBride had a pulse. McBride's heart had stopped. He was in cardiac arrest. McBride's team members, Jamal and Cole performed chest compressions. Ripley House employee Adrian Tucker called 9-1-1.

HFD Engine 17's crew responded and applied an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to McBride.

HFD crewmembers from Squad 9 and Ambulance 18 and EMS Supervisor 30 arrived. The team administered advanced life-support techniques to McBride. When McBride was stabilized, the crew transported him to a local hospital. McBride looks forward to the reunion to thank all the individuals who helped save his life.